

REMARKS

The following are applicant's response to issues raised in the Office Action.

Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 1, 7, 10-12, 14 and 15 have been amended. Claims 5-6, 8-9, 13 and 16-17 have been cancelled. Claim 18 has been added. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment in order to move the instant application toward allowance or alternatively, to place the application in better form for appeal.

Claim Objection

Claim 10 was objected to due to being dependent upon a cancelled claim. Claim 10 has been amended to correct this error.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly describe the claimed invention. Withdrawal of the 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 USC 103

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-15 were rejected under 35 USC 102 over Rosenberg (U.S. patent publication no. 2002/0003528) in view of Barber (U.S. patent no. 5,973,670). Rosenberg discloses a Cursor Control Using a Tactile Feedback Device.

Barber discloses a Tactile Feedback Controller for a Computer Cursor Control Device.

Neither Rosenberg, nor Barber teach, disclose or suggest as in amended independent claims 1 and 7 using a switch circuit, a driver circuit, a suppression circuit a piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus and a cursor control apparatus to stop the sensing of inputs from the cursor control apparatus while it is being vibrated and then turning the cursor control apparatus on after the vibrations have ended.

Further, there is no suggestion to combine the cited references in the manner shown. There is no suggestion in Rosenberg to utilize a piezo-electric tactile feedback apparatus.

Dependent claims 2-4 depend from independent claim 1 and add additional patentable features and are allowable therewith.

Dependent claims 10-12, 14-15 and 18 depend from independent claim 7 and add additional patentable features and are allowable therewith.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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